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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 35, 37-49 and 67-76.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 31 (twice amended):

A molecule which is a peptide comprising an amino acid sequence of at least 5 amino acids identical to a portion of amino acids 333-373 of the Hepreceptor.

Claim 32 (amended):

The molecule, according to claim 31, which comprises a sequence of at least 5 amino acids identical to a portion of amino acids 333-355 of the Hepreceptor.

Claim 33 (amended):

The molecule, according to claim 32, wherein said identical portion is between 5 and 13 amino acids.

Claim 34 (twice amended):

The molecule, according to claim 32, which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

MREKEELMLRLQDY_(p)EEKTKKAERELSEQIQRALQ (SEQ ID NO. 2);

EREKE (SEQ ID NO. 16);

EREKEQMMREKEEL (SEQ ID NO. 17);

KEELM (SEQ ID NO. 18);

KEELMLRLQDYEE (SEQ ID NO. 19);

KEELMLRLQDYpEE (SEQ ID NO. 20);

EELMLRLQDYEE (SEQ ID NO. 21);

EELMLRLQDYpEE (SEQ ID NO. 22);

ELMLRLQDYEE (SEQ ID NO. 23);

ELMLRLQDYpEE (SEQ ID NO. 24);

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MLRLQ (SEQ ID NO. 25); QDYEE (SEQ ID NO. 26); and QDYpEE (SEQ ID NO. 27).

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